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SUBJECT: TFGG01: GEORGIA TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO.

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MILITARY SITUATION ON THE GROUND

1. (SBU) Embassy Tbilisi reports the city is calm, despite fears of a Russian advance into the capital. The OSCE mission reports the road to Tskinali is clear. The Georgian government confirms reports of fresh Russian missile strikes in Gori, and notes it no longer has sufficient emergency services to help the wounded. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon and e-mail)

2. (SBU) Media report Abkhaz separatists launched a military offensive to force Georgian troops out of the upper Kodori Gorge. (Interfax)

3. (SBU) Embassy Tbilisi confirms the media center in Gori was struck by Russian bombs. Media report a Dutch journalist was killed in the attack and several other foreign journalists are believed to have been wounded. Post is working to determine whether AmCits are among the injured. (Ops/Embassy Tbilisi telcon, AP)

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS

¶4. (SBU) At a joint press conference with Finnish FM Stubb in Moscow, Russian FM Lavrov stated a cease-fire must only be between South Ossetia and Georgia, and indicated Russian peacekeepers should remain in the conflict zone. He added Georgian peacekeepers should not be permitted to return, for fear that they could cause "another Srebrenica." (CNN)

¶5. (SBU) Embassy Tbilisi reports President Saakashvili called for citizens of Tbilisi to gather in support of the government and called an emergency cabinet meeting for 0500 EDT. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon)

¶6. (SBU) Polish, Ukrainian, and Baltic leaders plan to meet Saakashvili August 12. French President Sarkozy and FM Kouchner plan meetings with Russian President Medvedev and Lavrov in Moscow. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon)

STATUS OF AMCITS

¶7. (SBU) Post is arranging another convoy of AmCits to Yerevan August 12 and issued a new travel warning advising Americans to depart Georgia. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail)

¶8. (U) Minimize considered.
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